

school was not the Advaita school of philosophy. God is ever Lord and man is His servant. They misled the world who gave the teaching, "I am He?". The messengers of Purandara Vittala taught instead the secret, "I am His servant". This teacher repudiated certain descriptions of God current among clever people as that God is non-existence, unmoving and such others. God is at the heart of everything and he who says He is nothing is the murderer of eternal life. He is the power moving everything; he who says He is unmoving is the thief of well-being.

In another piece he uses an *Upanishad* figure to show the relation between the individual soul and the Universal Soul. The two cannot be the same, the two can never become one. There are two birds in one nest, and on the same tree; one of them eats the fruit, the other does not eat the fruit; the one flies from branch to branch; the other does not. The one knows many things; the other knows not those many things. The one moves from branch and rises beyond the heights and rising joins Purandara Vittala and there rests in bliss.

All Nature is obeying God's law as is said in the *Upanishads*;

*"The earth fears and the hills and the rivers and the sea;
They all fear you and keep their places;
The wind fears you and moves and the fire fears you and burns;

The trees and creepers yield fruit;
O Purandara Vittala, what a King are you!"
A good man does not necessarily desire to leave the world of work. Only, he wishes to be always

serving God within*
that **is** good,

Cf O Lord of all